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Please find an Amendment transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application in response to the Office Action dated December 22, 2006, for which a three-months period expires on March 22, 2007.

No fee is believed to be required. However, if any fee is required, please use Deposit Account No. **11-0600**. A duplicate of this transmittal letter is enclosed for that purpose.

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**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

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